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SUBJ: PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA

1. AMB SAMAR SEN (INDIA) HAS HINTED SOMEWHAT WISTFULLY TO FRIENDS THAT HE EXPECTS TO GO HOME TO RETIRE DURING 1974. LONG A HEAVY DRINKER, AMB SEN HAS WITH INCREASING OPENNESS BEEN DROWNING HIS SORROWS AT THE BAR IN THE DELEGATES' LOUNGE. AT DINNER PARTY FEB 5, SEN IN SMALL GROUP WHICH INCLUDED MINCOUNS KITCHEN UNBURDENED HIMSELF IN UNUSUALLY FRANK TERMS.

2. LOOKING AHEAD TO PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION OF GA, SEN SAID HE AND HIS YUGOSLAV COLLEAGUE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY STREAMROLLERED BY ALGERIANS. ALGERIAN INITIATIVE HAD TO BE SUPPORTED BUT SESSION WAS BOUND TO PRESENT DIFFICULTIES FOR VIRTUALLY EVERYBODY.

3. INDIA AND MOST OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD BE CAUGHT BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES OF ARABS ON ONE HAND AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON OTHER. ARAB INITIATIVE IN EMPLOYING OIL WEAPON WAS SHOCKINGLY SELFISH AND ILL-CONSIDERED ACTION WHICH THREATENED DISASTER FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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COUNTRIES GENERALLY. WITHIN A MATTER OF MONTHS, INDIA'S

PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC COHERENCE AND PROGRESS WOULD BE SENT BACK 30 OR 40 YEARS. ARABS AND OTHER OIL PRODUCERS MIGHT THINK THEY CAN ACHIEVE REAL STATURE AND AUTHORITY IN WORLD VAI OIL WEALTH, BUT REST OF UNDER-DEVELOPED WORLD KNEW ARABS REMAIN THOROUGHLY UNDER-DEVELOPED INsofar AS WORLD LEADERSHIP CAPABILITIES ARE CONCERNED. INDIA'S PLIGHT ESPECIALLY GRAVE AS BLOWS FROM ARAB DIRECTION WERE OCCURRING AT VERY MOMENT IN HISTORY WHEN US AID TO INDIAN DEVELOPMENT APPROACHED NADIR TYPE.

4. SEN SAW FORTHCOMING WASHINGTON OIL CONFERENCE AS EFFORT TO MOBILIZE STRENGTH OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN COMMON FRONT AGAINST ARABS WHO SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT IN LONG RUN THEY WOULD HAVE TO TRADE WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. US WAS THUS ADOPTING POLITICS OF CONFRONTATION. IN SUM, OWING TO MISTAKES OF US-LED DEVELOPED WORLD AND ARAB-LED UNDER-DEVELOPED WORLD, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY WAS RAPIDLY GOING TO HELL IN A BUCKET. IRONICALLY, SEN CONCLUDED THAT USG AND ITS POLICIES IN RESPECT OF CONCESSIONAL AID WOULD HAVE MORE DECISIVE EFFECT ON GROUP OF 77 THAN EVER.
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